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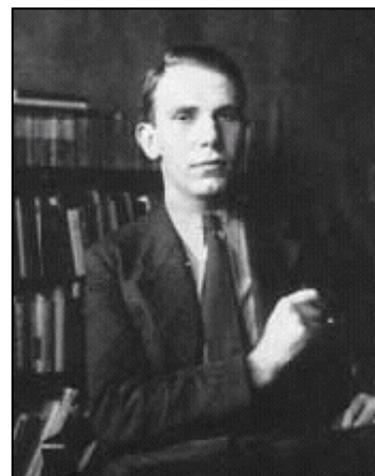
University News

MOVING ON UP: Washington University tied with the University of Chicago for 12th place in *U.S. News & World Report's* recent undergraduate rankings of "America's Best Colleges." The University climbed two notches from a tie for 14th last year among the 249 national universities rated by U.S. News.

ART SMART: H.W. Janson, *History of Art* author and University curator in the mid-1940s, built what he proudly called "the finest collection of contemporary art assembled on any American campus." This fall, the Gallery of Art displays more than 20 masterworks he acquired.

HANDS ON THE PRIZE: The film archives of the late Henry Hampton, LA61, have come home to University Libraries. Native St. Louisan Hampton founded and ran Blackside Productions, the largest African-American owned documentary film production company in the United States. Hampton is best known for his *Eyes on the Prize* series.

GRAHAM "BELLS" RING: Graham Chapel has come alive! The chimes can be heard again, thanks to upgrades of the bell tower. The silent Mass-Rowe Chronobell was recently fixed, and in the process, part of the sound machine made a 30-year leap in technology.



Portrait of Horst W. Janson, 1935
Reproduced from "Horst Woldemar Janson,"
by Lisa Lotte Müller, *Zeitschrift für Kunstgeschichte* 46, no. 4 (1983)

Research



Photo by Bob Boston

REEVE'S ROAD TO RECOVERY: Eight years after severely injuring his spinal cord, Christopher Reeve has achieved what was thought to be impossible: He has regained the ability to feel pin pricks and the light touch of a cotton swab over most of his body and to move some of his joints without any assistance. These slow but progressive results began in 2000, when he joined a study led by WU's John McDonald, medical director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program in the School of Medicine.

PLANT DETECTIVES: Like modern day Sherlock Holmeses, plant biologists at Washington University have donned their deerstalkers to get to the bottom of some botanical mysteries. Plant biologist Barbara Schaal

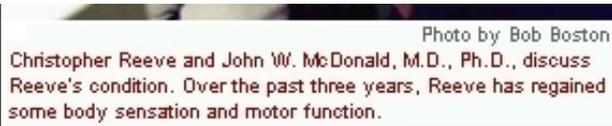


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Christopher Reeve and John W. McDonald, M.D., Ph.D., discuss
Reeve's condition. Over the past three years, Reeve has regained
some body sensation and motor function.

and her graduate students use DNA sequences to reveal information on historical events and to seek sources of invasive trees.

NEW STATE OF IMMIGRATION: In the United States, few areas of public policy have been as fundamentally transformed as immigration since the events of September 11, says law professor Stephen Legomsky, an internationally recognized expert on immigration and refugee law and policy.

Features

THE PEANUT BUTTER PROJECT: Most American kids grow up enjoying tasty, nutritious peanut butter. A malnutrition research initiative uses this inexpensive food to get Malawian children to their next birthday, thanks to the work of pediatrician Mark Manary.

LEWIS AND CLARK IN COURT: A special collection of recently discovered St. Louis Circuit Court records reveals that even the famed explorers Lewis and Clark were not exempt from the litigious society of their day.

Heard on Campus

"If you practice the human arts, reaching out to people, standing up for justice and fair play, showing kindness and forgiveness, you will enjoy more success than any good lyricist could ever put in a popular song."

- Brown University President Ruth J. Simmons, speaking to graduates at the University's 145th Commencement

Kudos

Henry L. "Roddy" Roediger, III, Ph.D., was elected president of the American Psychological Society. Roediger is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and chair of the psychology department. [Read more!](#)

Gerald Early, Ph.D., was elected to the Council of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Early is the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters, professor of English and of African and Afro-American Studies, all in Arts & Sciences. [Read more!](#)

Paul Michael Lützel, Ph.D., received the German Cross of Merit, First Class. Lützel is the Rosa May Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities in Arts & Sciences. [Read more!](#)

Eddie F. Brown, Ph.D., was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a member of the president's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. Brown is associate dean for community affairs and director of the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies in the George Warren Brown School of Social Work. [Read more!](#)

Announcements

FOUNDERS DAY 2002: NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw will be the featured speaker at Founders Day on November 9 at the America's Center in St. Louis.

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